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UNCANNY X-MEN

Born with genetic mutations that give them abilities beyond those of normal humans, mutants are the next stage in evolution.

As such, they are feared and hated by humanity. But a group of mutants known as the X-Men fight for peaceful coexistence between mutants and humankind.

But not all mutants see peaceful coexistence as a reality.

CYCLOPS IS THE PUBLIC FACE FOR WHAT HE CALLS "THE NEW MUTANT REVOLUTION," VOWING TO PROTECT THE MUTANT RACE, HE'S BEGUN TO GATHER AND TRAIN A NEW GENERATION OF MUTANTS.

WHEN CHARLES XAVIER DIED AT THE HANDS OF A PHOENIX-POSSESSED SCOTT SUMMERS, THE READING OF HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT BROUGHT TO LIGHT THE EXISTENCE OF A MUTANT OF IMMENSE POWER WHOM XAVIER HAD KEPT HIDDEN. WITH THOUSANDS OF LIVES BEING LOST AS THE MUTANT LOST CONTROL OF HIS ABILITIES, EVA BELL TRAVELED BACK IN TIME AND USED THE HELP OF A YOUNGER XAVIER TO ENSURE THE MUTANT WAS NEVER BORN. IN DOING THIS, SHE ERASED THE DEATHS CAUSED BY THE MUTANT, ALSO CHANGING XAVIER'S WILL TO NOW READ THAT ALL THAT HE OWNED SHOULD BE LEFT TO SCOTT SUMMERS. RACKED BY GUILT, SCOTT WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT HIS SURROGATE FATHER'S GIFTS, AND RELINQUISHED THE OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL TO STORM, WALKING AWAY FROM HIS FATHER'S LEGACY.

MEANWHILE, HIS BROTHER ALEX, A.K.A. HAVOK, FINDING THAT HIS BELIEFS NO LONGER FELL IN LINE WITH THE AVENGERS' MISSION, LEFT THE UNCANNY AVENGERS TO JOIN HIS BROTHER.

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THE NEW XAVIER SCHOOL.

LOCATION SECRET.

TODAY.

HEY...

THIS IS WHERE YOU *LIVE?*

TIRED?

SO TIRED.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, ALEX.

I REALLY AM.

I THOUGHT YOU HAD STUDENTS AND TEACHERS...

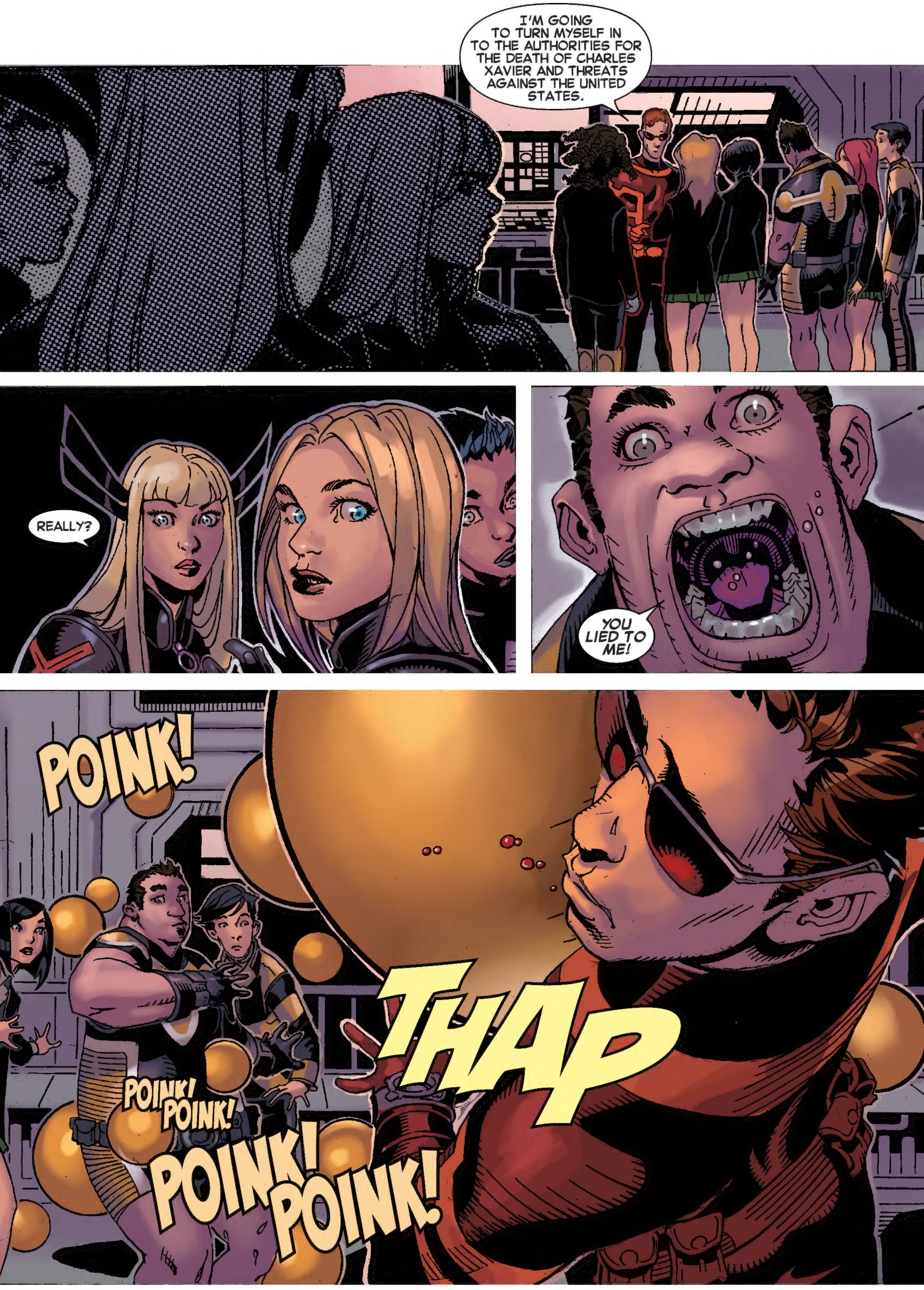
WHERE'S EMMA?

WHERE IS *EVERYBODY?*

YOU ACTUALLY CAME AT KIND OF A BAD TIME...

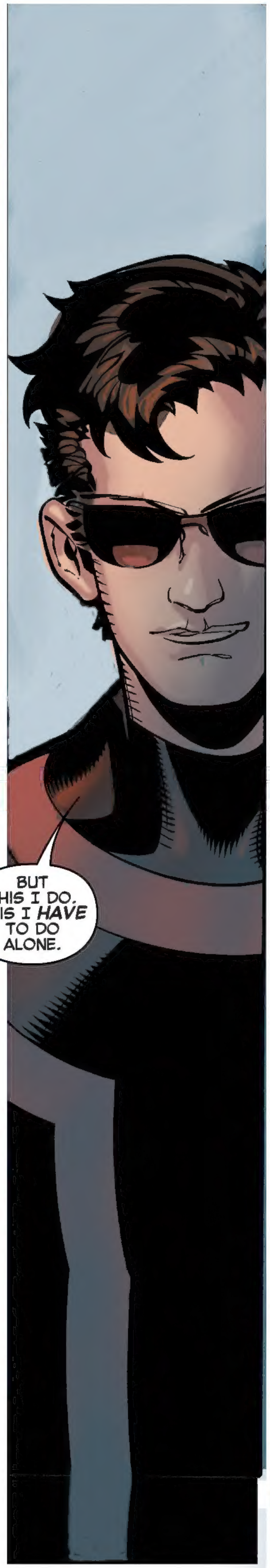
WHAT DID YOU DO?

THREE HOURS AGO.
THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL IS A VERY GOOD SCHOOL WITH VERY GOOD TEACHERS.
YOU WILL BE SAFE, YOU WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF, YOU WILL BE TRAINED...
YOU'RE KICKING US OUT?
WHERE'S EVA?
WE SHOULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT THIS WITHOUT EVA.
ARE YOU $#%&#$% KIDDING US WITH THIS?!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
HE'S NOT KIDDING.
WOLVERINE WAS RIGHT!
YOU ARE AN &$#&%$#!
STORM AND THE OTHERS AT THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL...
BEAST--
I LEFT MY HOME TO COME HERE.
I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO MY PARENTS IN MONTHS BECAUSE YOU SAID--
THIS IS SO NOT FAIR.
YOU PROMISED US.
I PROMISED TO TRAIN YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE.
AND I AM KEEPING THAT PROMISE.
UNBELIEVABLE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AWAY FROM HIM.
NO, I MEAN, WHERE IS--WHERE IS HE GOING?


I'M GOING TO TURN MYSELF IN TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE DEATH OF CHARLES XAVIER AND THREATS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.
REALLY?
YOU LIED TO ME!
POINK!
POINK! POINK!
POINK! POINK!
THAP

NOW.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
KEEP SLEEPING.
YOU'RE PACKING?
IS THAT ALL THE STUFF YOU HAVE IN THE WORLD?
PRETTY MUCH.
WANT IT?
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?
FOURTEEN HOURS.
SO...THE TYPICAL SLEEP CRASH AFTER A MAJOR SUPER-POWER EVENT.
YUP.

YOU'RE REALLY LEAVING?
I'M COMING WITH YOU.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF.
I KNOW.


BUT THIS I DO. THIS I *HAVE* TO DO ALONE.

I WISH YOU WOULD TAKE A DAY AND THINK ABOUT IT.
I HAVE. I HAVE TALKED MYSELF OUT OF THIS EVERY DAY SINCE IT HAPPENED.
I--I AM RESPONSIBLE, AT LEAST, IN PART, FOR THE DEATH OF CHARLES XAVIER.
IF I DON'T STAND UP AND ACCEPT THE BLAME, FINALLY, PUBLICLY, SINCERELY, I AM EVERYTHING BAD THAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.
US?
MUTANTS.
I AM USING MY POWERS TO DO WHATEVER I WANT TO WHOMEVER. I AM.
WOW.
WHAT WAS IN THAT WILL?
HE LEFT ME EVERYTHING.
OH.
LIKE I WAS HIS *SON*.
YOU KIND OF *WERE*.
WELL...
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, SCOTTY.
AND YOU ARE GOING TO LET THEM CRUCIFY YOU FOR IT, AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY.
BECAUSE I REALIZED I DESERVE IT.
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH US?
ALIENS KIDNAPPED OUR PARENTS AND KILLED OUR MOM IN FRONT OF US.
OH, YEAH...
AND THEN OUR POWER SET MADE US PARIAHS IN THE HUMAN WORLD BEFORE WE COULD--
NO, I KNOW. I WAS BEING RHETORICAL.
OKAY.
BUT I'M RIGHT.
NO, I KNOW.
AND WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR STUDENTS?

THOOMP

POINK! POINK!
POINK!
POINK! POINK!

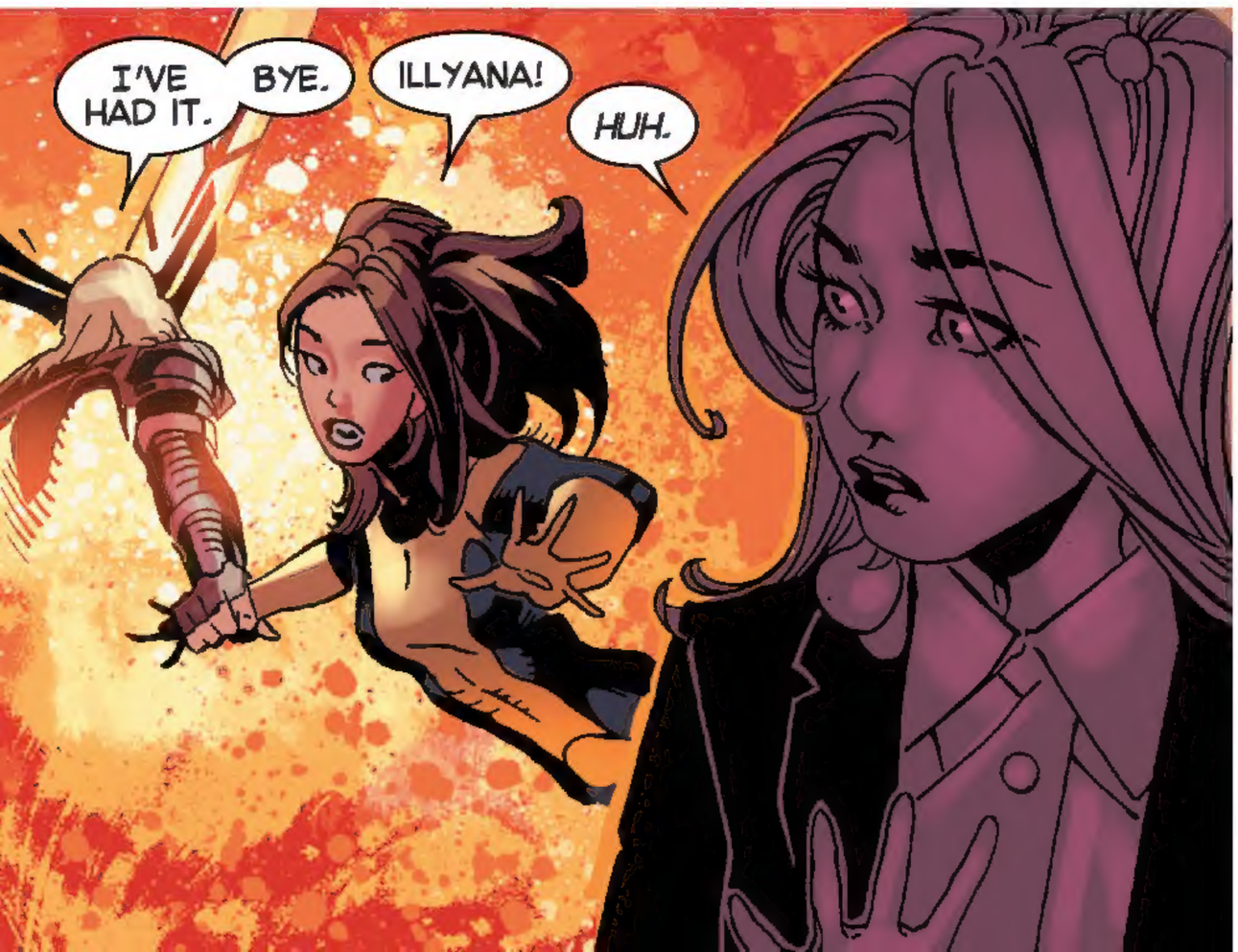
POINK!
POINK! POINK!
POINK!

K-THAP

UH-OH.
YOU KILLED HIM.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

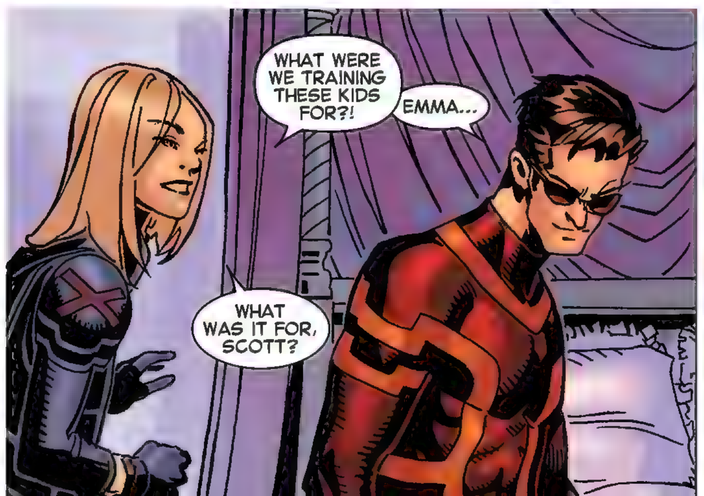
SERIOUSLY... *WHAT* IS GOING ON?!
FABIO KILLED PROFESSOR CYCLOPS.
NO! NO, I--
HE'S OUT COLD. CHRISTOPHER, HEAL HIM.
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, KATYA?
OUTER SPACE WITH MY BOYFRIEND.
I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME.
ILLYANA, I NEED A SHOWER AND A--



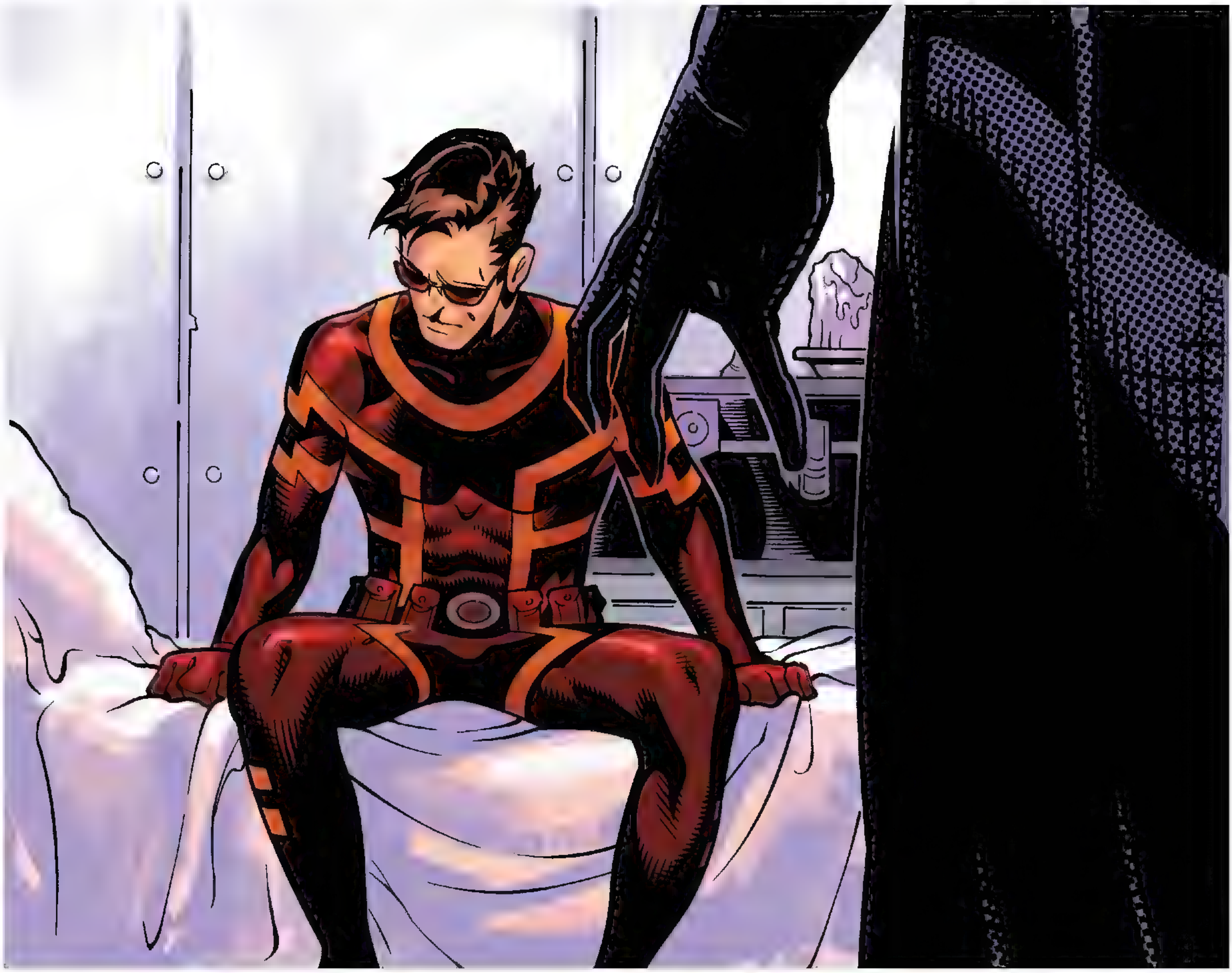
OW!
UH... SORRY.
AS I WAS SAYING...
...YOU NEED-- ALL OF YOU STILL NEED TRAINING.
AND YOU PROMISED TO TRAIN US.
THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO--
MS. FROST?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU COMING BACK TO THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL, TOO?
I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO BEING THE WHITE QUEEN OF THE HELLFIRE CLUB.

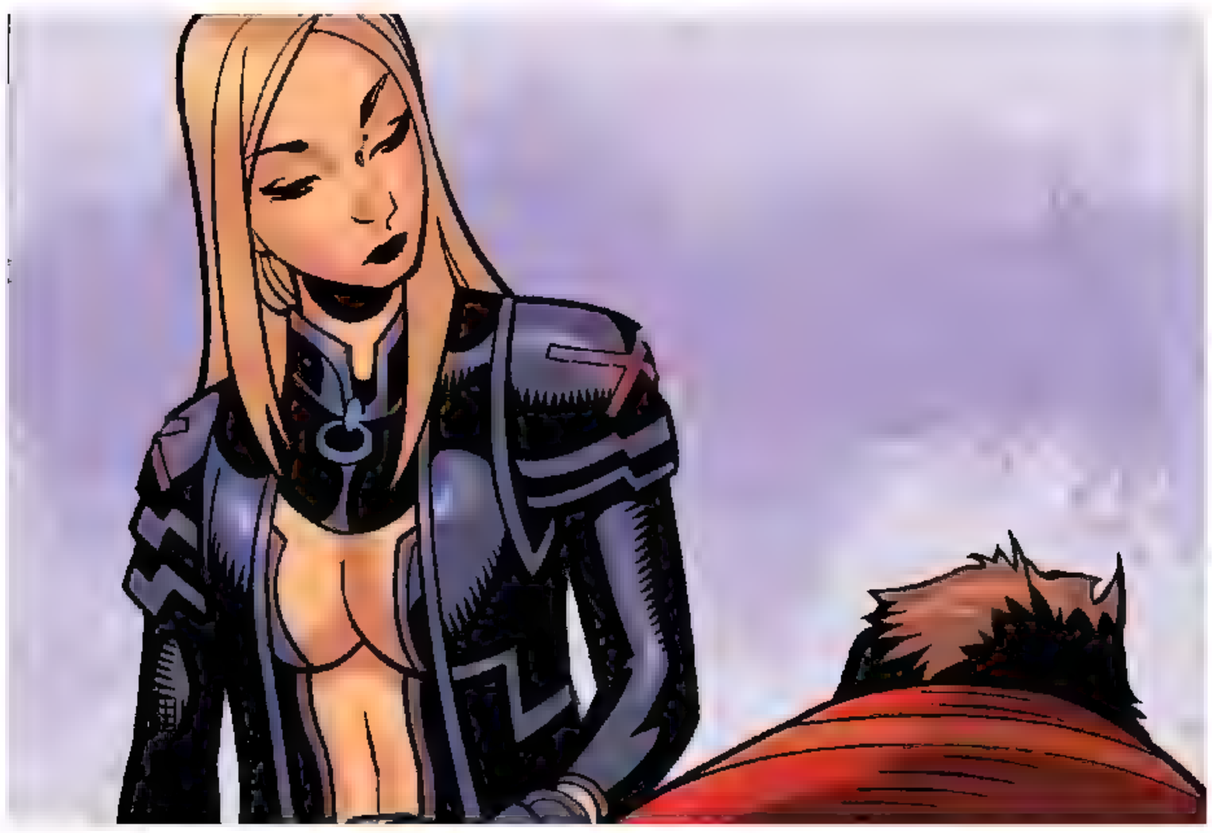
WHAT WAS IT?
WHAT?
THE MUTANT REVOLUTION.
DID IT HAPPEN AND I MISSED IT?
THE WHOLE TIME I WAS LEADING THE AVENGERS I WAS BRACING MYSELF FOR THE CALL.
"YOUR BROTHER'S TAKEN OVER THE WHITE HOUSE."
"YOUR BROTHER'S TAKEN A HELICARRIER AND CRASHED IT INTO THE U.N."
AND THEN I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO CHOOSE SIDES.
I WAS EITHER GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT YOU OR JOIN YOU.
PROBABLY JOIN YOU.
BECAUSE I HATE FIGHTING YOU.
NO, YOU DON'T.
WELL, NOT SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
WHAT WAS IT, SCOTT?
WHAT WAS THE MUTANT REVOLUTION SUPPOSED TO *BE*?

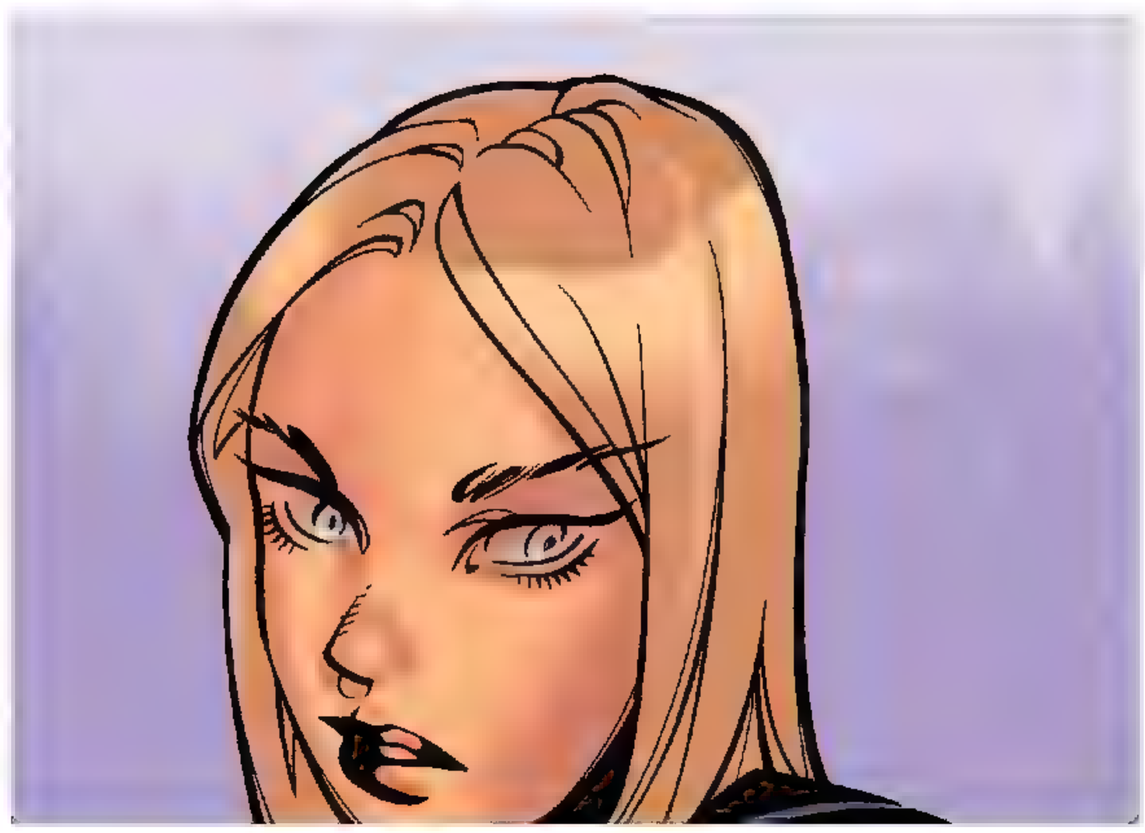
TELL ME NOW!
WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?
CALM DOWN, EMMA!
WHEN IN THE HISTORY OF OUR HISTORY HAS TELLING ME TO CALM DOWN EVER WORKED?
I KNOW YOU'RE MAD--
FOR ULTIMATELY WASTING MY LIFE BELIEVING IN YOU?
YES!
I'M GOOD AND MAD.
AT ME AND YOU.

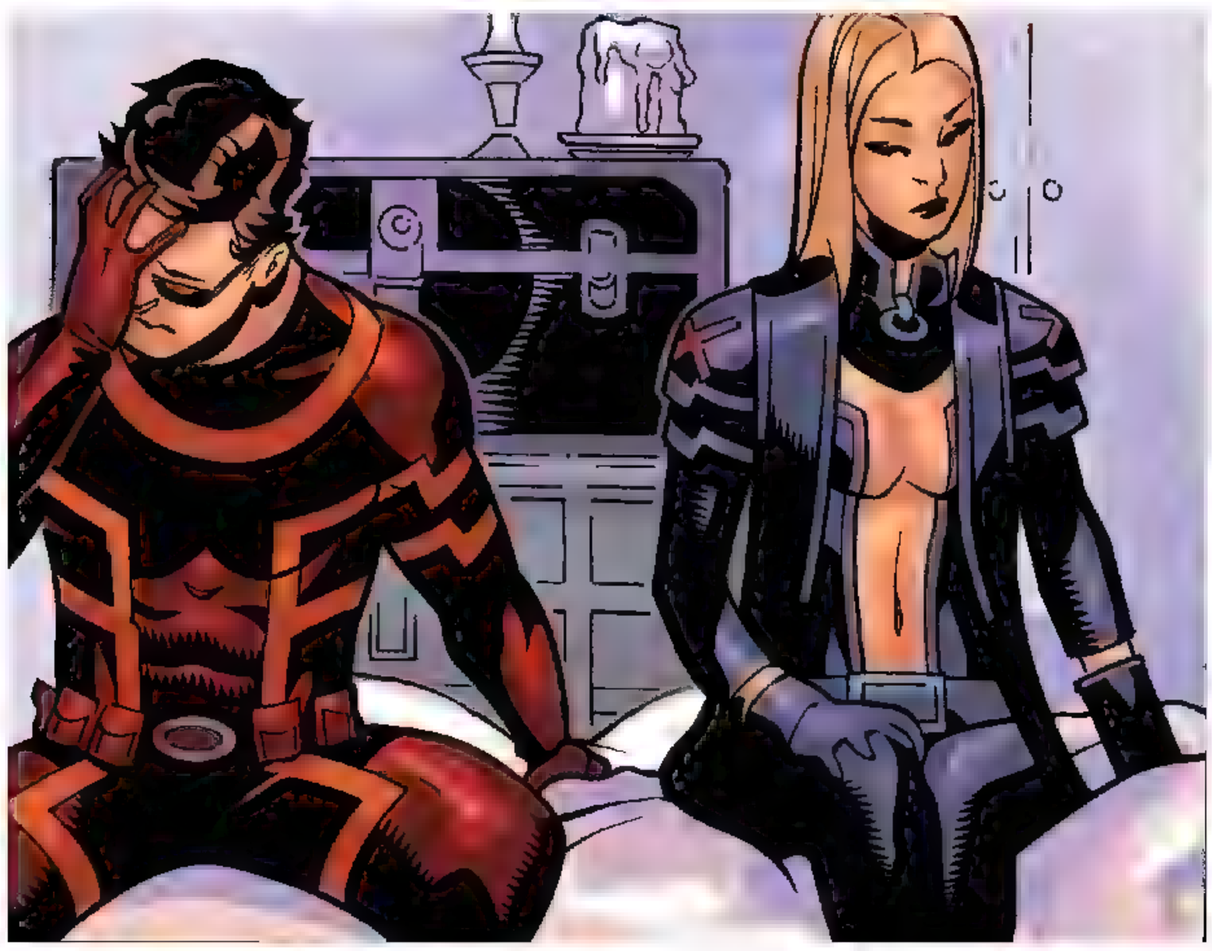


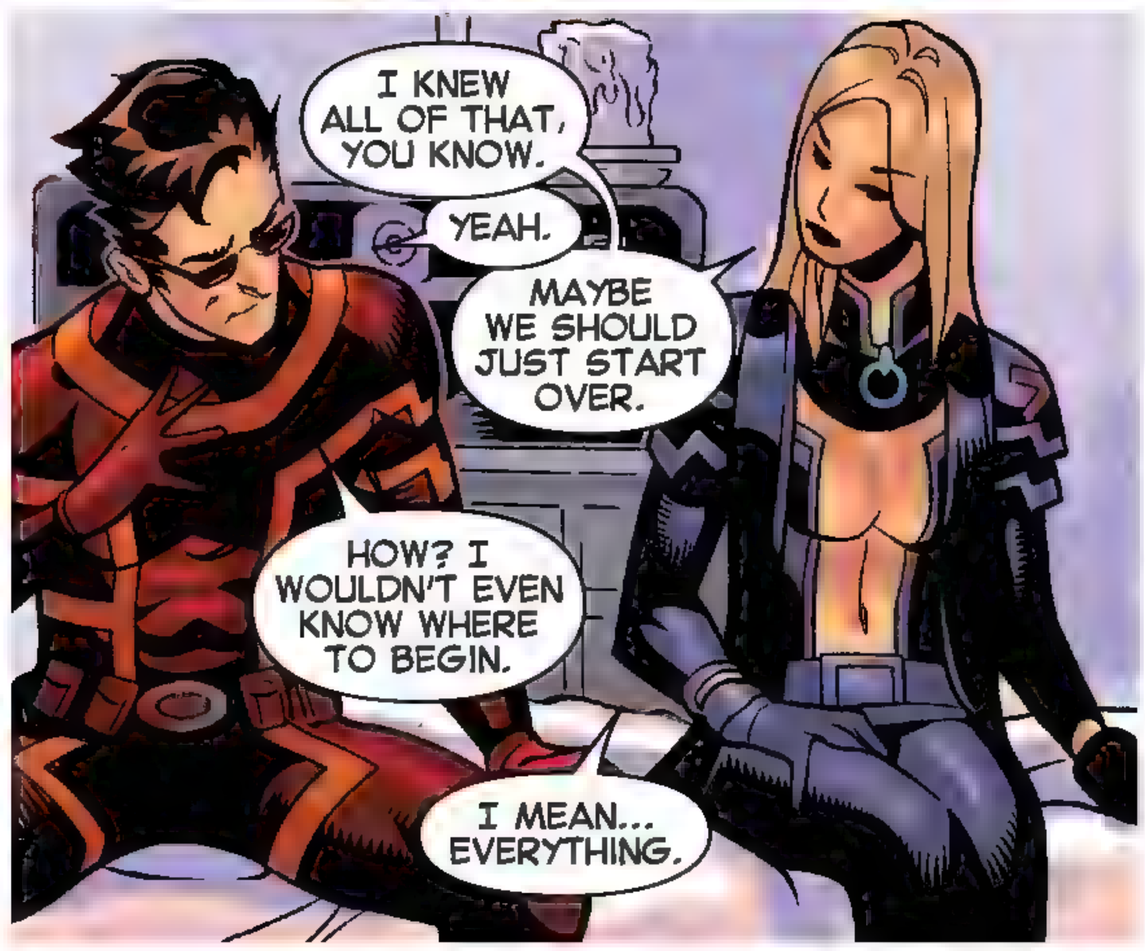
OUR LAST CHANCE!
OKAY?!
WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT BUT THREATS!
WE FOUGHT FOR THEM AND THEY HATE US!
WE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THEM AND THEY KILL OUR CHILDREN IN THE STREETS!
WE PACK UP AND MOVE TO AN ISLAND AND THEY DESTROY IT!
WE MOVE TO ANOTHER ONE AND THE $#%&#$% AVENGERS STORM THE #$%& BEACHES!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION YET WE'VE BECOME AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.
WE'RE EVERYTHING THEY ARE NOT AND WE'RE A SHADOW OF OUR FORMER SELVES!
ALL WE HAVE LEFT IS THREATS.
THE THREAT OF REVOLUTION!
THE THREAT OF A FIGHT THAT WE HOPE THEY DON'T WANT!
SO, YES, I GOT IN FRONT OF ANY CAMERA THAT WOULD SHOW MY FACE AND I LOOKED THEIR WORLD IN THE EYE AND TOLD THEM--THEY BETTER LEAVE US ALONE...
...I STOOD ON THE BRIDGE OF THE HELICARRIER AND I THREATENED THEM...
...BECAUSE NOTHING.
ELSE.
HAS.
WORKED.
XAVIER IS GONE.
LOGAN IS GONE.
I WATCHED XAVIER DIE AT MY FEET AND I THOUGHT IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING TO KICKSTART IT...THE DREAM IS REALLY, TRULY DEAD.
AFTER US, WHAT IS THERE?
BUT IF YOU MAKE A THREAT YOU HAVE TO BE READY TO SEE IT THROUGH...

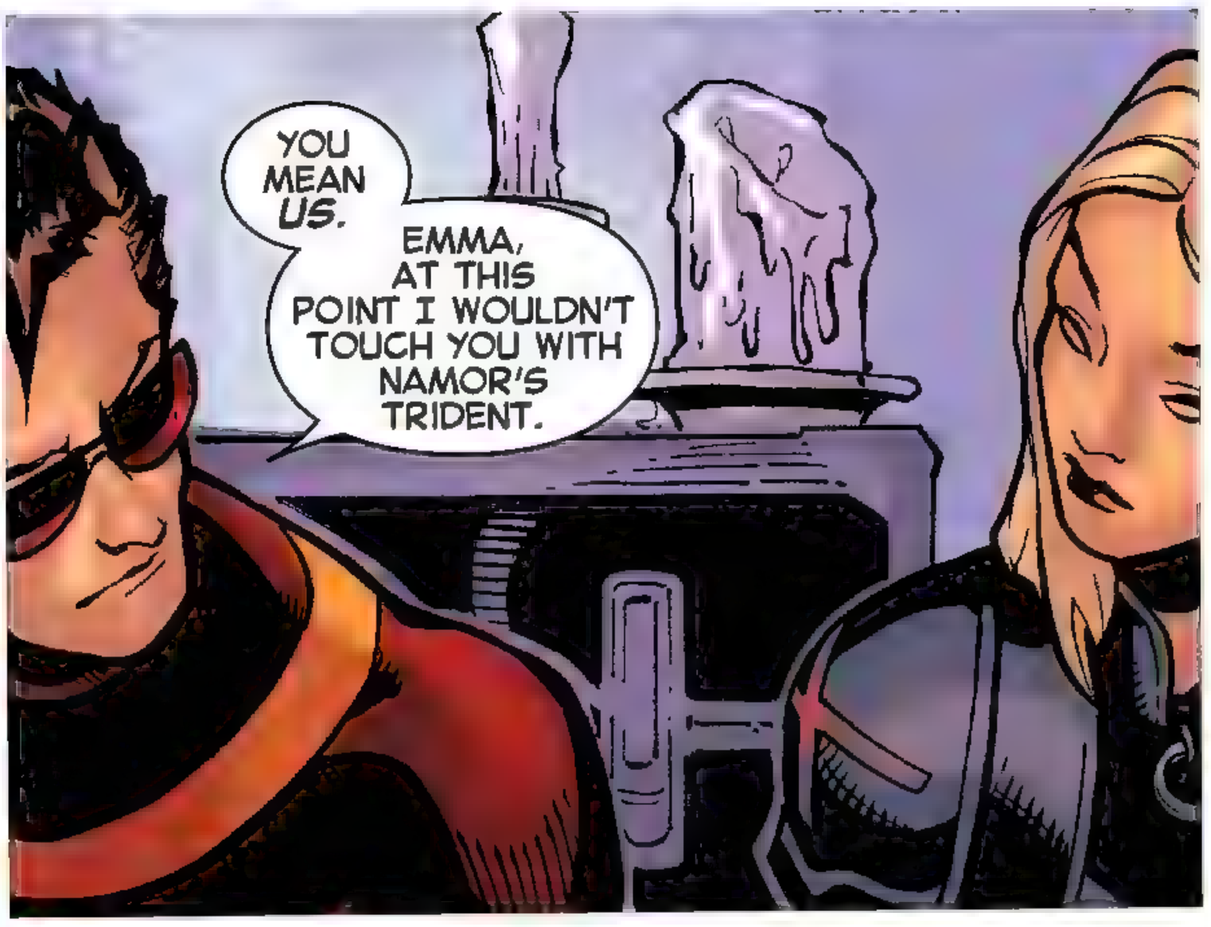


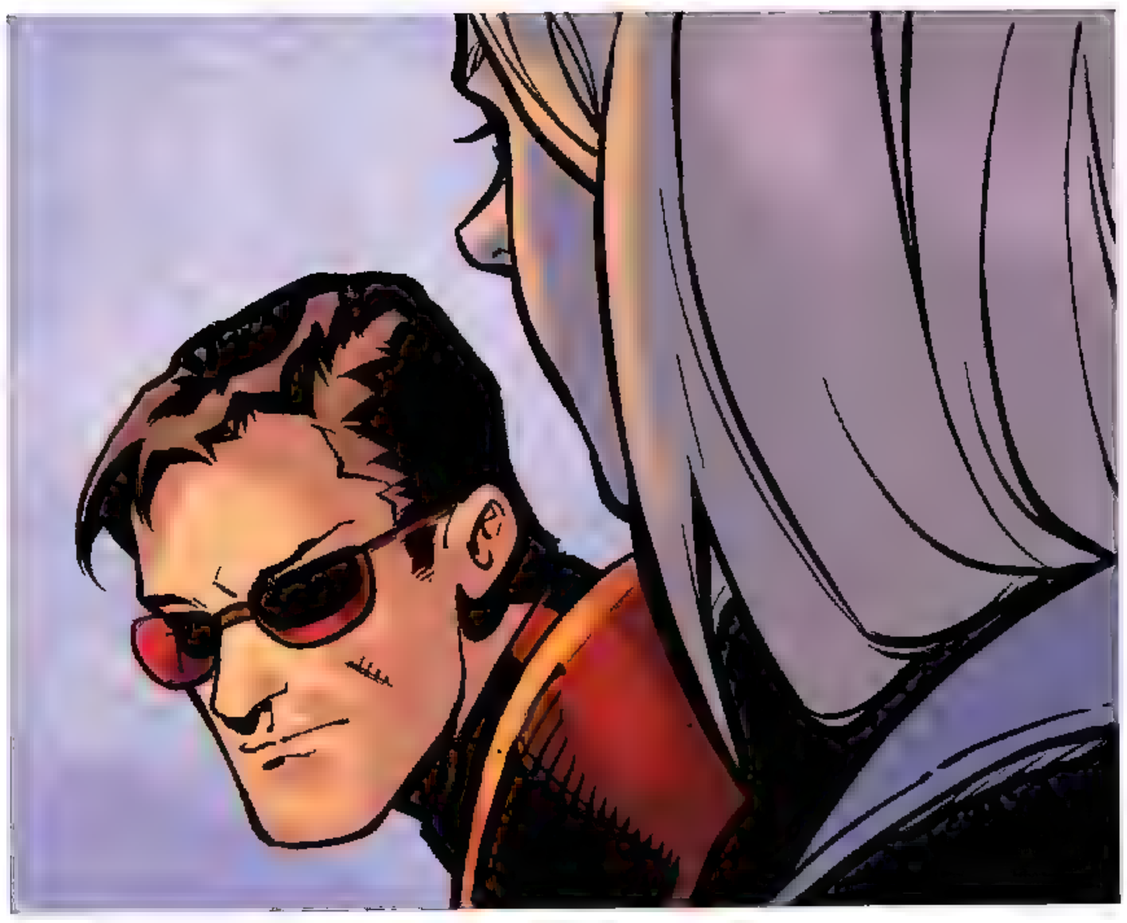


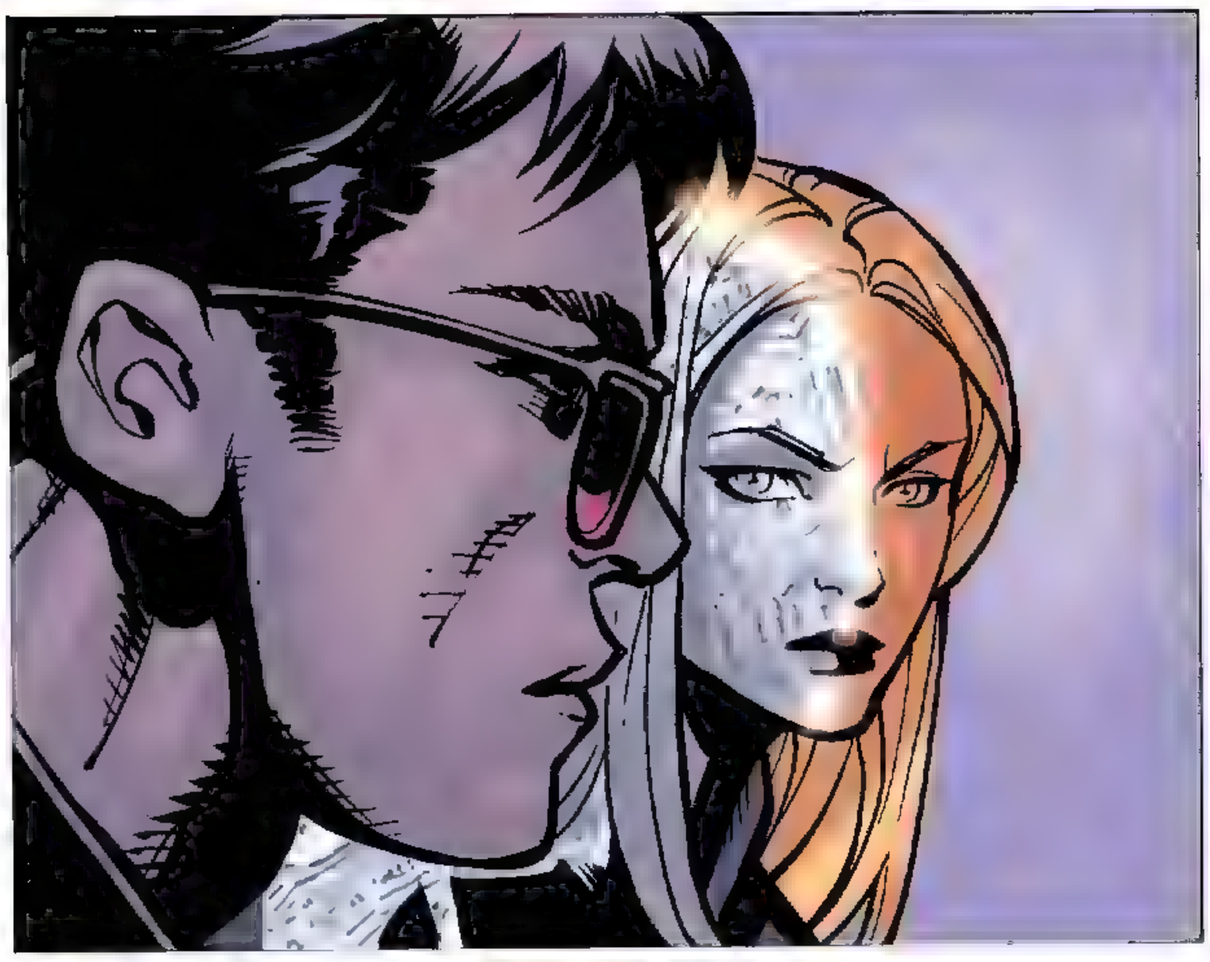




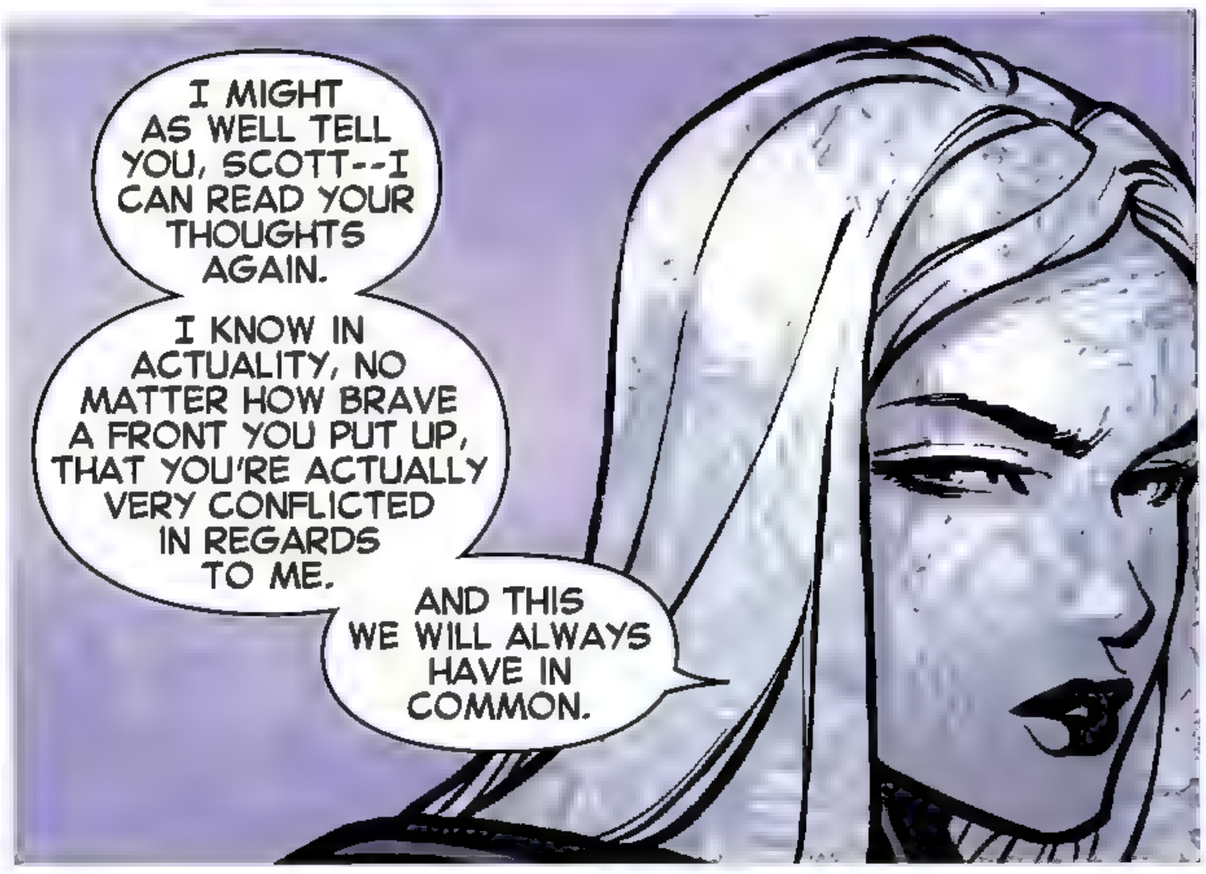

I KNEW ALL OF THAT, YOU KNOW.
YEAH.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST START OVER.
HOW? I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.
I MEAN... EVERYTHING.

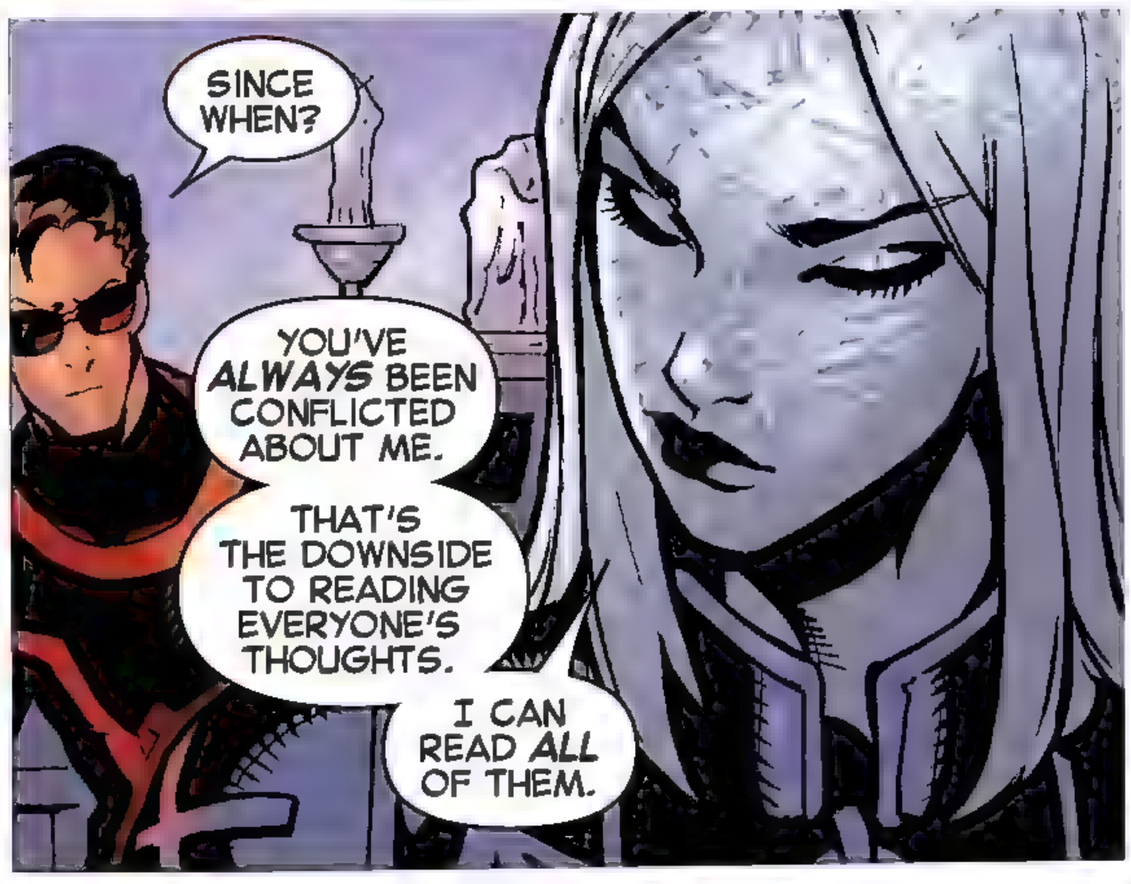

YOU MEAN *US*.
EMMA, AT THIS POINT I WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU WITH NAMOR'S TRIDENT.





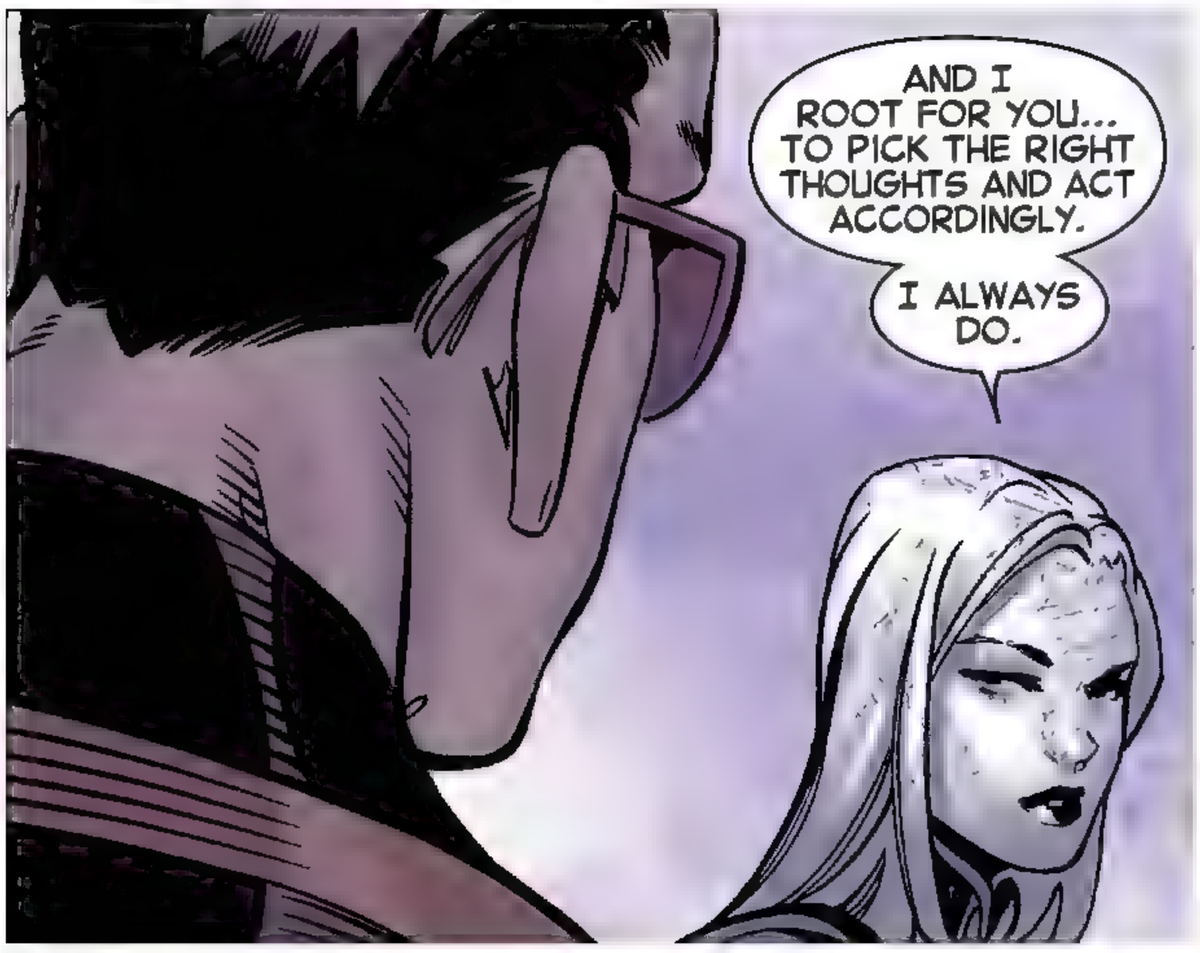
WELL...
HAVE YOU EVER EVEN ATTEMPTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR RUINING US?
AND AFTER ALL YOU'VE SAID AND DONE...
...YOU WANT ME TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH YOU?


I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU, SCOTT--I CAN READ YOUR THOUGHTS AGAIN.
I KNOW IN ACTUALITY, NO MATTER HOW BRAVE A FRONT YOU PUT UP, THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY CONFLICTED IN REGARDS TO ME.
AND THIS WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE IN COMMON.


SINCE WHEN?
YOU'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN CONFLICTED ABOUT ME.
THAT'S THE DOWNSIDE TO READING EVERYONE'S THOUGHTS.
I CAN READ *ALL* OF THEM.

ALL OF THE LITTLE DOUBTS AND FANTASIES AND WHAT-IFS AND FEARS.
I DON'T GET TO PICK THE ONES I WANT TO READ.
IT'S EITHER ALL OR NOTHING.
AND TO BE INVOLVED WITH YOU IS TO BE INVOLVED WITH A VERY CONFLICTED MAN.

NO, EMMA, I MEANT HOW LONG HAVE YOUR POWERS BEEN FIXED?


AND I ROOT FOR YOU... TO PICK THE RIGHT THOUGHTS AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.
I ALWAYS DO.

AND EVEN AFTER ALL WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH I ROOT FOR US BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE GOOD, WE'RE AS GOOD AS IT GETS.

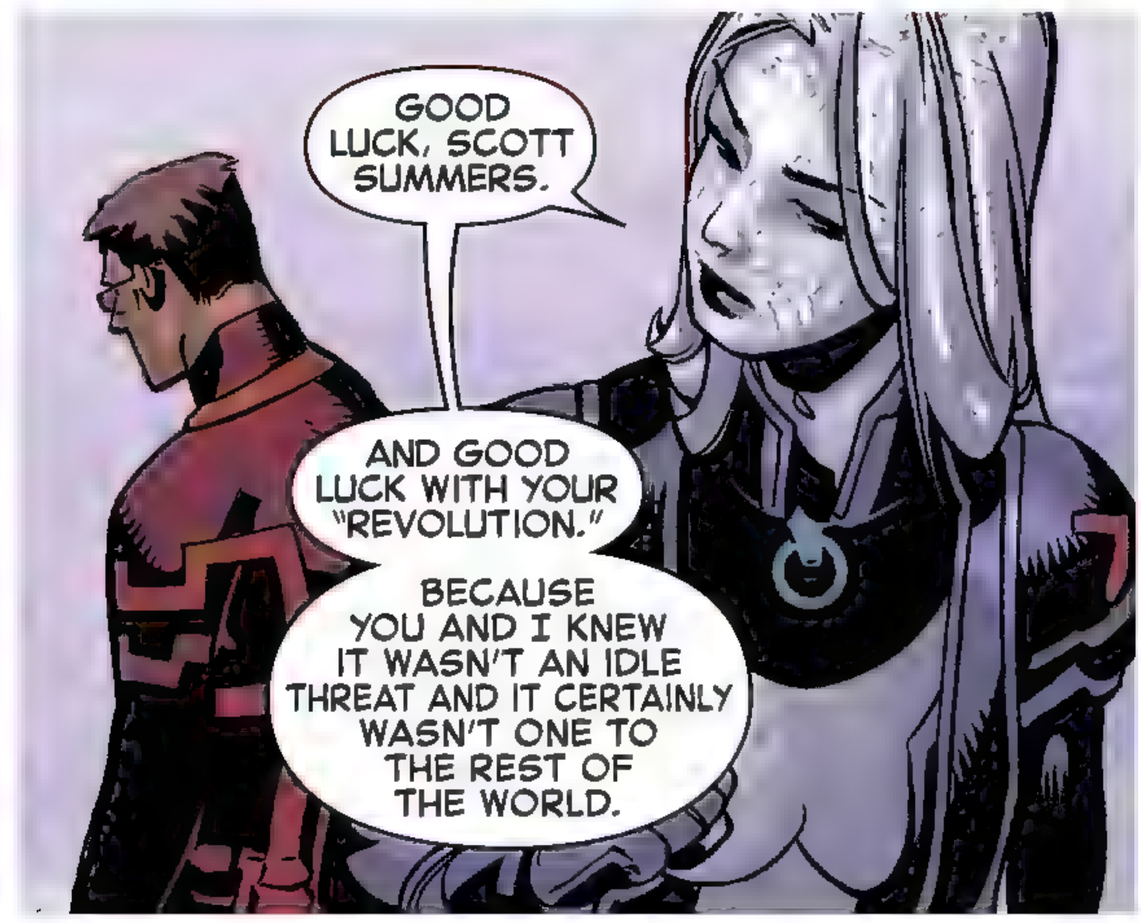
HOW LONG?
AND I ROOT FOR YOU BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH DOING SO IS INSANELY FRUSTRATING...
...I AM YOUR BIGGEST FAN.

THERE'S A SCOTT SUMMERS IN THERE WHOSE THOUGHTS I ADMIRE WITH EVERY CELL IN MY BODY.
AND YOU KNOW THAT'S TRUE.
YOU KNOW.

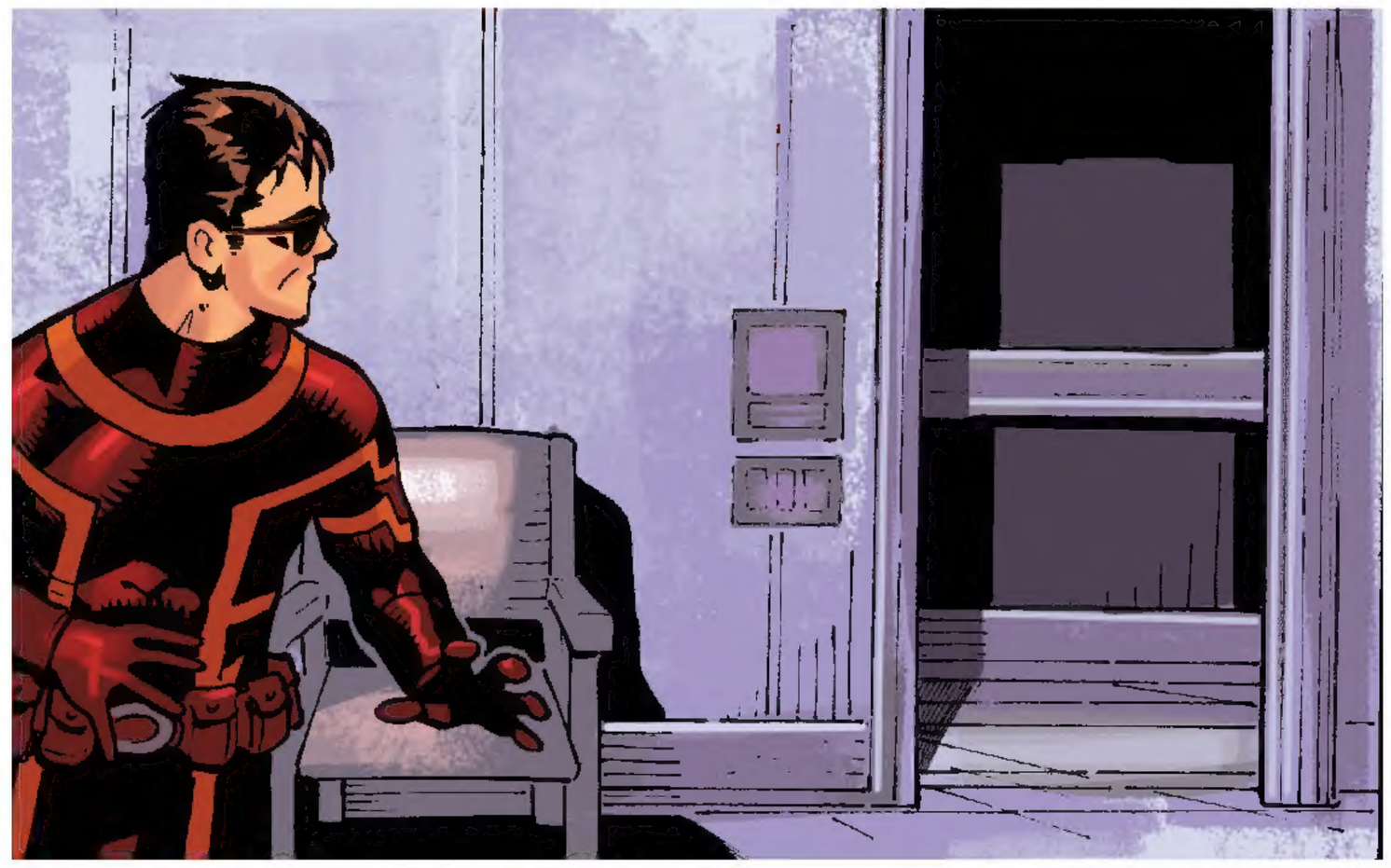
BECAUSE I LET YOU IN.
I HAVE LET YOU IN LIKE I HAVE NO ONE ELSE.

I SHARED MY THOUGHTS WITH YOU.
AND WHEN I COULDN'T ANYMORE I MISSED YOU SO MUCH.

AND NOW I ACTUALLY WISH MY POWERS WERE STILL BROKEN.
BECAUSE THIS IS BRUTAL.


GOOD LUCK, SCOTT SUMMERS.
AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR "REVOLUTION."
BECAUSE YOU AND I KNEW IT WASN'T AN IDLE THREAT AND IT CERTAINLY WASN'T ONE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

AND THAT MEANS IT'S REAL WHETHER YOU WANT IT TO BE OR NOT.



"WHERE IS EMMA?"

SHE USUALLY CALMS YOU DOWN AND GETS YOU BACK ON TRACK.

(ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.)

SHE'S GONE.

GONE GONE?

ALL THE WAY GONE.

THAT IS GREAT NEWS!

STOP IT.

YOU'RE FREE!

WE SHOULD BE CELE-#$&%$#%-BRATING!

STOP IT.

SO...

...WHAT NOW?

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

NOT TURNING YOURSELF IN. NOT HANGING YOURSELF ON A CROSS...

...HOW ABOUT SOMETHING XAVIER WOULD ACTUALLY *APPROVE* OF.

SOMETHING *LOGAN* WOULD APPROVE OF.

SOMETHING THAT HELPS OUR PEOPLE...

...SOMETHING NO ONE WOULD EVER EXPECT FROM YOU.
YOU HAVE SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW WHAT?
I DAMN WELL DO.
TELL ME.
I'LL SHOW YOU.
ARE WE GOING TO OPEN A SUMMERS BROTHERS PIZZA PARLOR?
OH.
THAT'S ACTUALLY BETTER THAN WHAT I HAVE.
I'M REALLY GLAD YOU'RE HERE, ALEX.
AAAWWW...
NEXT ISSUE: MONSTERS

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